



## Kids And Cars Important Reminders\*

- ☐ Never leave a child alone in a vehicle, ***NOT even for a minute*** or with the windows down.
- ☐ Engage your child or baby by singing songs or talking to her/him while driving—this will help you remember to focus on your child.
- ☐ Do not be distracted by using your cell phone while your child is in the car.
- ☐ When parking your vehicle at home, always lock car doors and trunks, and keep keys out of children's reach; ***teach children that cars are not places to play.***
- ☐ Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading and unloading.
- ☐ Make sure that all children leave the vehicle with you when you reach your destination - ***don't forget sleeping infants*** (parents and caregivers should always count heads twice to make sure all children have exited the vehicle before leaving.)
- ☐ Busy parents have a lot on their minds, so give yourself a reminder: get in the habit of placing your purse, briefcase or other important items in the back seat next to your child's car seat to help you ***remember to check the back before leaving the car.***
- ☐ Purchase new technological devices that can signal when your child has been left in the vehicle.
- ☐ If you see a child or pet left unattended in a vehicle, call 911 immediately.
- ☐ Have a plan for your child care provider to call you if your child does not show up for school or child care site within 10-15 minutes of your usual arrival time.

\*KidsandCars.org is a public safety awareness website for child safety around automobiles.

\*Norfolk Ready By 5 is a citywide initiative in Norfolk, VA to prepare all children for kindergarten and for life. Call 664-6071 for details.

